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EXPANSION OF CDMA NETWORK .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are not expanding their CDMA based network;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the Government is suffering revenue loss due to non-utilization of spectrum;

(d) If so, the details thereof;

(e) Whether the Government has instructed the MTNL and BSNL to vacate the unused spectrum; and

(f) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir. MTNL and BSNL are expanding their CDMA based network.

(b) MTNL is deploying 2000 1x CDMA network of 4 lakh lines each in Delhi and Mumbai, while CDMA equipment capacity under installation in BSNL is 10,48,600.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) & (f) MTNL has been advised for harmonization of allotted CDMA carriers to them, which is likely to result in the surrender of remaining CDMA spectrum. BSNL has been allotted only an initial CDMA spectrum of 2.5 + 2.5 MHz as per relevant provision of their Service Licence Agreement. Hence, no instruction has been issued to BSNL to vacate the unused spectrum.